

**Table 2. Census regions and divisions: employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population 25 years and over, by educational attainment, 2008 annual averages**

(Numbers in thousands)

Area and educational attainment	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force		Employment		Unemployment	
		Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population	Number	Rate
<b>Northeast Region</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	4,174	1,730	41.5	1,591	38.1	139	8.1
High school graduates, no college .....	12,201	7,433	60.9	7,021	57.5	412	5.5
Some college or associate degree .....	7,791	5,614	72.1	5,368	68.9	246	4.4
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	12,201	9,605	78.7	9,347	76.6	258	2.7
<b>New England Division</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	938	382	40.8	346	36.9	36	9.4
High school graduates, no college .....	2,893	1,819	62.9	1,705	58.9	114	6.3
Some college or associate degree .....	2,131	1,550	72.8	1,485	69.7	66	4.2
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	3,628	2,857	78.8	2,776	76.5	82	2.9
<b>Middle Atlantic Division</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	3,237	1,348	41.7	1,245	38.5	103	7.7
High school graduates, no college .....	9,308	5,615	60.3	5,316	57.1	298	5.3
Some college or associate degree .....	5,661	4,064	71.8	3,883	68.6	181	4.4
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	8,574	6,748	78.7	6,571	76.7	177	2.6
<b>Midwest Region</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	4,497	1,929	42.9	1,732	38.5	197	10.2
High school graduates, no college .....	14,663	9,216	62.9	8,670	59.1	546	5.9
Some college or associate degree .....	11,866	8,818	74.3	8,379	70.6	438	5.0
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	11,943	9,496	79.5	9,263	77.6	234	2.5
<b>East North Central Division</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	3,218	1,380	42.9	1,235	38.4	145	10.5
High school graduates, no college .....	10,568	6,580	62.3	6,158	58.3	423	6.4
Some college or associate degree .....	7,994	5,889	73.7	5,565	69.6	324	5.5
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	8,173	6,449	78.9	6,285	76.9	164	2.6
<b>West North Central Division</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	1,278	550	43.0	497	38.9	53	9.6
High school graduates, no college .....	4,096	2,636	64.4	2,513	61.3	124	4.7
Some college or associate degree .....	3,873	2,929	75.6	2,815	72.7	114	3.9
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	3,770	3,047	80.8	2,978	79.0	69	2.3
<b>South Region</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	10,831	4,915	45.4	4,494	41.5	421	8.6
High school graduates, no college .....	22,700	14,233	62.7	13,479	59.4	754	5.3
Some college or associate degree .....	18,400	13,104	71.2	12,552	68.2	552	4.2
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	19,653	15,108	76.9	14,759	75.1	350	2.3
<b>South Atlantic Division</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	4,854	2,177	44.9	1,970	40.6	207	9.5
High school graduates, no college .....	11,968	7,540	63.0	7,127	59.6	413	5.5
Some college or associate degree .....	9,825	7,040	71.7	6,707	68.3	333	4.7
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	11,539	8,860	76.8	8,622	74.7	238	2.7
<b>East South Central Division</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	2,016	775	38.5	700	34.7	75	9.7
High school graduates, no college .....	4,034	2,399	59.5	2,249	55.8	150	6.2
Some college or associate degree .....	2,965	2,101	70.9	2,009	67.8	92	4.4
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	2,658	2,038	76.7	1,999	75.2	39	1.9
<b>West South Central Division</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	3,961	1,962	49.6	1,824	46.1	138	7.1
High school graduates, no college .....	6,698	4,294	64.1	4,103	61.3	191	4.5
Some college or associate degree .....	5,610	3,963	70.6	3,836	68.4	128	3.2
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	5,456	4,211	77.2	4,138	75.8	73	1.7
<b>West Region</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	6,573	3,567	54.3	3,234	49.2	333	9.3
High school graduates, no college .....	11,448	7,314	63.9	6,864	60.0	450	6.1
Some college or associate degree .....	12,946	9,109	70.4	8,672	67.0	437	4.8
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	14,059	10,817	76.9	10,503	74.7	314	2.9

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<b>Mountain Division</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	1,676	910	54.3	842	50.2	69	7.6
High school graduates, no college .....	3,876	2,540	65.5	2,426	62.6	114	4.5
Some college or associate degree .....	4,138	2,938	71.0	2,819	68.1	119	4.0
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	4,069	3,104	76.3	3,028	74.4	76	2.4
<b>Pacific Division</b>							
Less than a high school diploma .....	4,897	2,656	54.2	2,392	48.9	264	9.9
High school graduates, no college .....	7,571	4,774	63.0	4,438	58.6	335	7.0
Some college or associate degree .....	8,808	6,171	70.1	5,852	66.4	318	5.2
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	9,990	7,713	77.2	7,475	74.8	238	3.1

NOTE: Data incorporate updated Census 2000-based population controls.